RESOLUTION NUMBER

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AWARDING NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT FUND GRANTS TO CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO NEGOTIATE CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH SAID ORGANIZATIONS.

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF MISSOULA has provided up to $35,000 for Neighborhood Project Funds;

WHEREAS, the purpose of these funds is to provide up to $6,000 to Neighborhood Councils, neighborhood organizations, and individuals for neighborhood projects that enhance the quality of life in our community;

WHEREAS, THE CITY OF MISSOULA has determined that this purpose can be met by awarding funds to agencies, organizations, and individuals that identify neighborhood needs and propose effective approaches to meet those needs;

WHEREAS, the Missoula Neighborhoods Office solicited for projects located in City neighborhoods or benefiting City residents;

WHEREAS, the Neighborhood Project Fund Committee reviewed 12 (twelve) applications and made funding recommendations to the Community Forum;

WHEREAS, the Community Forum met on March 26, 2026 and reviewed and approved the Neighborhood Project Fund Committee recommendations;

WHEREAS, $35,000.00 from the Neighborhood Improvement Grant Program will be allocated to 8 (eight) of the 12 (twelve) projects; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA, that the Neighborhood Project Fund Grants be funded as shown in Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE SAID CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA, that the Missoula Neighborhoods Office be directed to negotiate contracts and agreements with the organizations receiving grants.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026

ATTEST: **APPROVED**:

Claire Trimble
City Clerk

Andrea Davis
Mayor

(SEAL)

Exhibit A

Neighborhood Project Fund Committee Recommendations
(Neighborhood Improvement Funds FY 2026)

1. **Bolle Birdwatching Trail Signs in Greenough Park**
   $6,000 Recommended funding
   (Lower Rattlesnake Neighborhood)
   Request for $6,000. This grant aims to design and install a new birdwatching sign depicting the Chickadee, update and replace the main sign to include an honoring of Helen Bolle, review and revise existing signs as necessary and replace existing frames and support structures for the signs.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $6,000.
   Project coordinator must work closely with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

2. **Rain Garden in the Slant Street Gateway**
   $6,000 Recommended funding
   (Rose Park Neighborhood)
   Request for $6,000. This project aims to build a demonstration rain garden in the east triangle of Plymouth Street and Mount Avenue. The funding will go to planting native trees, interpretive signage and mulch.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $6,000.
   Project coordinator must work closely with the Public Works and Mobility Department, the Parks and Recreation Department (as needed), and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

3. **Cool Schools at Russell Elementary School**
   $5,000 Recommended funding
   (Lewis & Clark Neighborhood)
   Request for $6,000. This project aims to plant trees at Russell Elementary School that were lost in the windstorm of 2024.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $5,000.
   Project coordinator must work closely with the Missoula County Public School District, Russell Elementary School, and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

4. **Irrigation for Bellevue Park Trees**
   $4,500 Recommended funding
   (Southgate Triangle Neighborhood)
   Request for $6,000. This project aims to install drip irrigation throughout Bellevue Park to improve the park and provide needed benefit to new tree plantings. This is a continuation of a previously awarded grant that aimed to plant trees in the northeastern corner of Bellevue Park.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $4,500.
   Project coordinator must work closely with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

5. **Meadow Hill Outdoor Learning Space Revitalization**
   $6,000 Recommended funding
   (South 39th Neighborhood)

Request for $6,000. This project aims to further improve the space at Meadow Hill Middle School by adding a gazebo for shade and constructing an ADA pathway. This is a continuation of a previously awarded grant.
NPF Committee Recommendations: $6,000
Project coordinator must work closely with the Missoula County Public School District, Meadow Hill Middle School, and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

6. **6th Street Pocket Park**
   $1,500 Recommended funding
   (Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood)
   Request for $1,500. This project aims to create a small pocket park at the dead end on 6th street and transform it into a vibrant green space and a safe walkway for pedestrians.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $1,500
   Project coordinator must work closely with the Public Works and Mobility Department, the Parks and Recreation Department (as needed), and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

7. **Bonnie's Place Speed Table Project**
   $4,000 Recommended funding
   (Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood)
   Request for $6,000. This project aims to install a speed table in the Resident Owned Community at 2200 S. 5th Street W to manage speeding in the alleyway.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $4,000
   Project coordinator must work closely with the Public Works and Mobility Department and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

8. **Free the Northside Block Party**
   $2,000 Recommended funding
   (Northside Neighborhood)
   Request for $3,000. This project aims to host a block party to showcase the community organizing history in the neighborhood as well as celebrate the renaming of the pedestrian bridge over the railroad.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: $2,000.
   Project coordinator must work closely with relevant City of Missoula departments and the Missoula Neighborhoods Office.

9. **Willard School Mural Project**
   No Recommended funding
   (Riverfront Neighborhood)
   Request for $6,000. This project aims to paint a mural on the bulb out section on 6th street by Willard School.
   NPF Committee Recommendations: No funding

10. **Splash Montana Control Box Art Project**
    No Recommended funding
    (Lewis & Clark Neighborhood)
    Request for $2,900. This project aims to replace artwork that had been destroyed on the Control Box at Splash Montana. The vinyl wraps showcased historical art boxes in Missoula that are no longer on the various boxes.
    NPF Committee Recommendations: No funding

11. **1-Sided Park Message Board**
    No Recommended funding
    (Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood)
    Request for $3,000. This project aims to install a one-sided message board at Marilyn Park to serve as a place neighbors could find information from the City and/or Neighborhood.
    NPF Committee Recommendations: No funding

12. **Mullan Road Walkway Landscaping**
    No Recommended funding
    (Franklin to the Fort Neighborhood)
    Request for $1,771.82. This project aims to replace trees damaged from the windstorm of 2025 and remove tree stumps.
    NPF Committee Recommendations: No funding